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SUBJ: SEABEE POSITION - MOSCOW

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- 1. IN VIEW OF PRESENT EXTENSIVE SEABEE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (WHICH BRINGS UP TO DATE ALL PENDING BUILDER WORK) AND CONTINUING HOUSING SHORTAGE, IT IS FELT THAT HOUSING PRIORITIES DO NOT PERMIT AT THIS TIME ASSIGNMENT OF THIRD SEABEE TO MOSCOW.
- 2. THIS IN NO WAY MEANS FLAGGING INTEREST IN THE POSITION BUT MERELY REFLECTS THE REALITY OF FEWER APARTMENTS THAN PROJECTED PERSONNEL. THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE TIME LAG BETWEEN REQUEST AND DELIVERY OF SOVIET APARTMENTS. POST PLANS REQUEST 20 NEW APARTMENTS FROM THE SOVIETS FOR OCCUPANCY BETWEEN LATTER PART 1975 AND 1977. THE ASSIGNMENT OF THIRD SEABEE UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING WOULD ALSO COINCIDE WITH INCREASED NEED FOR COMPLETE SEABEE COMPLEMENT MOSCOW AS THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN KIEV BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE.
- 3. THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE RESIDENT SEABEE TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD IS RECOMMENDED. THERE STILL REMAINS A NUMBER OF SMALLISH PROJECTS WHICH MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CLEARED AMERICAN PERSONNEL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CG BUILDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE SEABEE ATTENTION DURING ITS SHAKE-

DOWN PERIOD. THUS WOULD RECOMMEND THAT MOSCOW'S THIRD SEABEE BE ASSIGNED TO LENINGRAD FOR AT LEAST A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH THE POSITION THEN REVIEWED AS TO A CONTINUING NEED FOR A RESIDENT SEABEE IN LENINGRAD WHEN MOSCOW IS ABLE TO ACCOMODATE FULL THREE-MAN SEABEE TEAM. STOESSEL

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